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1. POUL HARTLING, PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE, ANNOUNCED SELECTION OF THE MINISTERS IN HIS MINORITY MODERATE LIBERAL GOVERNMENT DEC. 18. THE GOVERNMENT CONSISTS OF ONLY 12 MINISTERS, FIVE MPS FROM THE PRESENT MODERATE LIBERAL PARLIAMENTARY CONTINGENT OF 22, AND SEVEN FROM OUTSIDE PARLIAMENT. MOST, HOWEVER, HAVE AT ONE TIME BEEN MPS AND FOUR HAVE PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN MINISTERIAL CAPACITY.

2. HARTLING'S REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF MINISTERS IS A CLEVER MOVE IN VIEW OF THE PUBLIC SUPPORT GIVEN MOGENS GLISTRUP'S CHARGES ON "INFALTED GOVERNMENT", AND SHOWS PM'S INTENTION TRY TO FULFILL HIS PARTY'S CAMPAIGN PROMISE OF DECISIVE ACTION DURING THE "FIRST 100 DAYS".

3. MEMBERS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT, WHOSE INVESTITURE BY THE QUEEN AND PRESENTATION TO PARLIAMENT WILL TAKE PLACE TODAY, ARE AS FOLLOWS:
PRIME MINISTER - POUL HARTLING, 59 (SEE REFTEL FOR FURTHER BIO INFORMATION..)

FOREIGN AFFAIRS - OVE GULDBERG, 55, HAS UNIVERSITY DEGREES IN BOTH CIVIL ENGINEERING AND LAW. A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SINCE 1964, HE WAS MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS FROM 1968-71, IN WHICH CAPACITY HE WAS ACTIVE PROMOTER OF SALTHOLM AIRPORT PROJECT. GULDBERG HAS BEEN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BOTH IMPORTANT DANISH ENGINEERING SOCIETIES, THE DANISH ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION, 1952-65, AND ASSOCIATION OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS, 1965-68, STARTED HIS POLITICAL CAREER AS A CONSERVATIVE, BUT SWITCHED TO MODERATE LIBERALS IN EARLY SIXTIES. STRONG PROPONENT OF DANISH EC MEMBERSHIP, WITH OR WITHOUT BRITISH MEMBERSHIP. HAS REPUTATION FOR INTELLECTUAL ARROGANCE AND ABRASIVENESS BUT IS TECHNOCRAT OF UNDOUBTED ABILITY.

ECONOMICS AND COMMERCE - POUL NYBOE ANDERSEN, 60, PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AT COPENHAGEN UNIVERSITY AND AUTHOR OF SEVERAL ECONOMICS TEXT BOOKS. MINISTER OF ECONOMICS AND EUROPEAN MARKET AFFAIRS 1968 - 71; MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SINCE 1971
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ONLY, HE IS THE MODERATE LIBERAL'S GREATEST VOTE GETTER AND HIS PARTY'S HOPE FOR A DANISH "ECONOMIC MIRACLE".

FINANCE - ANDERS EJNAR ANDERSEN, 61, TOUGH AND TACITURN PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES SINCE 1960, AND OWNER OF TWO LARGE ESTATES IN JUTLAND, HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SINCE 1953. HE IS "MR. AGRICULTURE" IN DENMARK.

JUSTICE AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS - NATHALIE LIND, 55, FORMERLY MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS, 1968 - 71. A PRACTISING LAWYER SINCE 1943, SHE HAS ALSO BEEN ACTIVE IN WOMEN'S AFFAIRS, RISING TO BECOME CHAIRMAN OF THE DANISH WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION 1966 - 68. CONSIDERED TO BE ON THE LIBERAL WING OF THE PARTY, SHE REPORTEDLY REFUSED TO RETURN TO SOCIAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY, AS SHE WAS AWARE THAT CUT-BACKS IN WELFARE PROGRAMS WOULD BE A PRIORITY ITEM IN NEW GOVERNMENT PROGRAM.

DEFENSE - ERLING BRONDUM, 43, EDITOR OF "HORSSENS FOLKBLAD", A MODERATE LIBERAL PROVINCIAL DAILY. SON OF AN ARMY COLONEL, WHO SERVED AS VICE-COMMANDANT OF THE BORNHOLM GARRISON, BRONDUM STARTED HIS JOURNALISTIC CAREER ON THE "BORNHOLMS TIDENDE". AS A GOVERNMENT APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE DEFENSE COMMISSION OF 1969, HE HAS BEEN ONE OF HIS PARTY'S RECOGNIZED DEFENSE EXPERTS. HE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE PARTY'S EXECUTIVE BOARD.

INTERIOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS - JACOB SORENSEN, 58, A FARMER FROM WEST JUTLAND AND PREVIOUSLY MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FROM 1960-66. HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE ESBJERG CITY COUNCIL, THE RIBE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL AND, SINCE 1972, CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION OF PROVINCIAL COUNCILS - A VALUABLE BACKGROUND FOR ADMINISTERING COMMUNAL GOVERNMENT REFORM WHICH WILL BE HIS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES - NIELS ANKER KOFOED, 45, A FARMER AND MP FROM BORNHOLM FROM 1968 UNTIL DEFEATED BY A MOGENS GLISTRUP CANDIDATE IN DECM 4 ELECTION. PREVIOUSLY HE HAS STUDIES AT MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY, 1953, AND WAS NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF MODERATE LIBERAL YOUTH ORGANIZATION, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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1957-59. REFLECTING SENSITIVITIES OF BORNHO FISHERMEN, HE WAS OUTSPOKEN OPPONENT OF U.S. POSITION DURING "SALMON WAR" OF 1971-72.

ENVIRONMENT AND GREENLAND - ERIK HOLGER HANSEN, 43, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FROM 1971 UNTIL DEFEATED IN DEC. 4 ELECTION. AUTHOR OF PARTY'S PROGRAM FOR THE "GRASS-ROOTS SOCIETY" - A PLAN COMBINING DECENTRALIZED GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS. A MEMBER OF THE GREENLAND COUNCIL IN 1968, HE HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE DEBATE ON GREENLAND'S ECONOMIC RELATIONS TO METROPOLITAN DENMARK.

LABOR AND HOUSING - JOHAN PHILIPSEN, 63, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FROM SOUTH JUTLAND, 1964 UNTIL DEFEATED IN

DEC. 4 ELECTION. FROM THE PARTY'S CONSERVATIVE WING, HE
HAS BEEN "LAW AND ORDER" PROPONENT IN THE RADIO COUNCIL.

EDUCATION - TOVE NIELSEN, AT 32, IS THE CABINET'S YOUNGEST
MEMBER AND A TOTALLY UNKNOWN QUANTITY, DESPITE A SHORT
TERM IN PARLIAMENT AS AN ALTERNATE. SHE IS A TEACHER IN
SKIVE.

CHURCH AND PUBLIC WORKS - KRESTEN DAMSGAARD, 70, AGRICULTURAL
CONSULTANT AND VETERAN MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT WHO RETIRED
JUST PRIOR TO DEC. 4 ELECTION. MEMBER OF FOLKETING'S
FINANCE COMMITTEE SINCE 1953, OF THE NORDIC COUNCIL
SINCE 1964 AND OF A "A CHRISTIAN FAMILY SINCE BIRTH" -
HIS ONLY KNOWN QUALIFICATION FOR THE CHURCH AFFAIRS POST.
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